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Dear Interested Party:

The Mary's River Seismic Survey Project is proposed by Noble Energy (Noble), who is looking to conduct 3 Dimensional (3D) seismic surveys in the Tabor Flats area, West of Wells, NV. The 3D survey will consist of laying receiver lines with geophones, which record vibrations, placed in the ground at regular intervals. Receiver lines and geophones will be laid by foot, ATV, and trucks. The proposed project will have 16 to 20 receiver lines placed at one time. Once receiver lines have been laid out, vibrating trucks will be used to create vibrations through the ground along cross country routes (source lines) established perpendicular to receiver lines. The vibrating trucks will make one pass along the source lines in order to produce the needed data. Operations will take place during the fall to ensure minimum ground surface disturbance occurs. The seismic survey will take approximately 60 days to complete once operations begin.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed seismic survey. The EA will be available for public review until September 27, 2012, thirty days (30). The Mary's River Seismic Survey Project EA can be viewed at the following website: www.blm.gov/rv5c under 'NEPA, projects under National Environmental Policy Act review.'

If you have any questions regarding the Mary's River Seismic Survey Project EA, please contact Whitney Wirthlin, Wells Field Office Geologist, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, by phone at (775) 753-0342, or via email: whitney_wirthlin@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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